

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed July 11, 2006. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and pending claims are respectfully requested.

I. Drawings Objection

The drawings have been objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) for not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Specifically, the drawings are objected to for not showing “browser 12” identified on page 4 of the specification.

In response to this objection, Applicant has amended the specification to change “browser 12” to “browser 23”, which is identified in Figure 1. Applicant notes that the original reference numeral “12” reflects a typographical error.

In view of the above-noted amendment, Applicant respectfully submits that the drawings are acceptable and respectfully requests that the objection be withdrawn.

II. Specification Objection

The specification has been objected to for containing various informalities.

As indicated above, Applicant has amended the specification to change “browser 12” to “browser 23”, which is identified in Figure 1. In view of that amendment, Applicant respectfully submits that the specification is not objectionable, and therefore respectfully requests that the objection be withdrawn.

III. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 29 and 30 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Tanaka* (U.S. Pat. No. 6,522,971). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

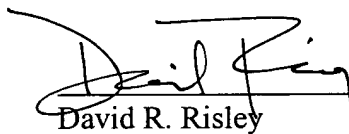
As indicated above, claim 29 has been amended through this Response. In view of that amendment, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection is moot as having been drawn against Applicant's claims in another form. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

Turning to the merits of the Tanaka disclosure, Applicant notes that Tanaka at least does not teach or suggest receiving via a network browser a print command and user parameters that are to be used to select a printer, the user parameters including an "expected print time parameter that reflects the time in which a printer is expected to complete the user's print job", "determining in real-time the availability of [] at least one candidate printer", "determining in real-time whether the user's print job can be completed in the expected print time", or "providing information as to the status of the selected printer and a real-time countdown as to when the print job can be completed by the selected printer".

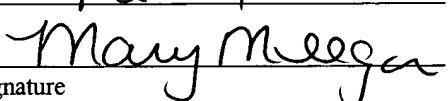
CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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